

1. An electronic model and data storage system for storing and maintaining  
2 information related to a structure, said data storage system comprising:  
3 an electronic model of the physical features and attributes of said structure;  
4 feature-specific information pertaining to the features and contents of said  
5 structure; and  
6 non-physical information pertaining to said structure,  
7 wherein said model, said feature-specific information, and said non-physical information are  
8 each accessible via a computer network.
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12. The system of claim 1, wherein said electronic model comprises a three-  
13 dimensional model of a physical structure of said structure.
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16. The system of claim 1, wherein said non-physical information comprises  
17 information relative to items contained in said structure.
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20. The system of claim 1, wherein said non-physical information comprises  
21 information relative to insurance coverage on said structure and its contents.
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24. The system of claim 1, wherein said non-physical information comprises  
25 information relative to warranties on structure components and items contained  
26 in said structure.

- 1       6. The system of claim 1, wherein said system is contained on a centralized master
- 2       data base.
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- 5       7. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented by a plurality of
- 6       icons representing respective physical or non-physical attributes pertaining to said
- 7       structure.
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- 10      8. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented as a physical
- 11      representation in said electronic model.
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- 14      9. The system of claim 7, wherein said physical representation is depicted as an icon.
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- 17      10. The system of claim 1, wherein said information is represented as textual
- 18      information in said electronic model.
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- 21      11. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for notifying a user of said
- 22      information.
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- 25      12. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for updating said data storage
- 26      system.
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- 28      13. The system of claim 1, wherein said system is interactive.

The system of claim 1, wherein said system is capable of linking with outside information sources to gather and store said information.

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- 1 15. A method for storing and maintaining information related to a structure on a data  
2 storage system for subsequent retrieval, said method comprising the steps of:  
3 providing and storing an electronic model of the physical features and attributes  
4 of said structure on an accessible computer network;  
5 assembling feature-specific information pertaining to said structure, said  
6 information also stored on said accessible computer network; and  
7 assembling non-physical information pertaining to said structure, said non-  
8 physical information also stored on said accessible computer network.  
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12 16. The method of claim 6, wherein said data base may be updated as often as needed  
13 to maintain accurate and up-to-date information regarding said structure.  
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16 17. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of providing means for  
17 notifying a user of said information.  
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20 18. The method of claim 6, wherein said steps are conducted via a network.  
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23 19. The method of claim 9, wherein said network is a global information network.  
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26 20. The method of claim 1, wherein said system is contained on a centralized data  
base.

- 1       21. The method of claim 1, wherein said information is represented by a plurality of
- 2            icons representing respective physical and non-physical attributes pertaining to
- 3            said structure.
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- 6       22. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of updating said data storage
- 7            system as needed.
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- 10      23. The method of claim 1, wherein said data storage system is user interactive.
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- 13            bases to gather and store information on said data storage system.
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- 1 25. A computer-readable data transmission signal containing a data structure, said  
2 computer-readable data transmission signal comprising:  
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4 a first portion identifying an electronic model of a structure contained in a data  
5 storage system that a client is requesting from a server, wherein said  
6 client may receive detailed information regarding the physical  
7 characteristics of said structure; and  
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9 a second portion identifying a session for communicating between said client and  
10 said server, said session allowing a user to receive information  
11 pertaining to said structure.  
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14 26. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said  
15 information comprises feature specific information.  
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18 27. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said  
19 information comprises non-physical information.  
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22 28. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 25, wherein said signal  
23 propagates across a network.  
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26 29. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 28, wherein said network  
is a global information network.

- 1       30. A computer-readable memory for storing and maintaining information related to  
2           a structure, said computer- readable memory configured so that it can be used to  
3           direct a computer:  
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5           to gather and store an electronic model of the physical features and attributes of  
6           said structure on an accessible computer network;  
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8           to gather and store feature-specific information pertaining to said structure, said  
9           information also stored on said accessible computer network;  
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11          to gather and store non-physical information pertaining to said structure, said non-  
12           physical information also stored on said accessible computer network;  
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14          to access and retrieve said information related to said structure; and  
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16          to present said information related to said structure to a graphical user interface.  
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20        31. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 30, wherein said signal  
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26        32. The computer-readable data transmission signal of claim 31, wherein said network  
27           is a global information network.